WHEREAS; Marfan syndrome is a life-threatening genetic connective tissue condition that can involve many parts of the body, including the heart, blood vessels, eyes, bones, joints, and lungs; and

WHEREAS; Marfan syndrome can result in varying degrees of disability, pain, and musculoskeletal issues, often leading to a lifelong series of multi-system health problems; and

WHEREAS; according to MedlinePlus, an estimated one in 5,000 individuals worldwide are born with Marfan syndrome; and

WHEREAS; while advances in medicine have improved management of the condition, the number and severity of symptoms can differ greatly among affected individuals, resulting in Marfan syndrome often being misdiagnosed or under-diagnosed, which can delay timely treatments that are essential to ensuring affected individuals have a satisfactory quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals with Marfan syndrome, their families, and advocates across the state in raising awareness of Marfan syndrome to achieve proper diagnoses and effective treatments for all those affected by the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as

## MARFAN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have become over my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State

of Wisconsin to be affixed. Don	e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 23rd day of January
2023.	
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TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Sec	eretary of State